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Bel Air Elementary 5th Grader Receives Gold 911 Award *Youth receives award for summoning help for his grandfather*

(Forest Hill, MD) - - The Harford County Department of Emergency Services (DES) recently presented 10 year-old Jack Marshall Dempsey with a Gold 911 award in recognition of his efforts to save the life of his grandfather.

On the morning of April 1, 2013, Jack Dempsey found his grandfather, Alfred "Ted" Marshall slumped in a chair. The youth immediately called 911 to report his grandfather's condition in an attempt to save his life. Unfortunately, the elder Mr. Marshall had sustained a massive heart attack and later died at the hospital.

As a result of his call to the Harford County 911 Center, in an effort to get urgent medical assistance for his grandfather, young Mr. Dempsey was nominated for the Gold 911 award by Nicole Cecchini, a friend of the family.

On Monday, June 10, 2013 the Department of Emergency Services publicly recognized Jack Dempsey at his school, Bel Air Elementary, for his bravery and heroic efforts. During the brief ceremony, the youth was presented with a Gold 911 award and a Certificate of Recognition from County Executive David R. Craig.

Kim Stritzinger, Public Safety Dispatcher III/Public Educator represented the Harford County Department of Emergency Services and the county executive at the brief recognition ceremony at Bel Air Elementary School.

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